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Ms. Laura Anderson  
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Reference: F-2019-01491

Dear Ms. Anderson:

This is further to our letter dated 2 May 2019, and is also a final response concerning your 23 April 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **the following records**:

- 1. Director of National Intelligence (DNI) records.**
- 2. DEA's "Special Operations Division" (DEA SOD) records (counsel for DEA's Special Operations Division" Robert McGovern).**
- 3. Department of Defense (DOD) applications and determinations as to Thomas Gregory Anderson, Jr., and Laura Jo Anderson status as "agents of a foreign power," DOD procedures, Governing the Activities of DOD Intelligence Components that Affect United States Persons.**
- 4. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) records pertaining to CIA intelligence gathering activities of United States Citizens code named operation "CHAOS" involving "electronic surveillance" with the assistance of the following technology/service/ Data providers, "incidental" collection and "targeted" collection of content/communications/transmissions:**
  - a. AMAZON**
  - b. APPLE**
  - c. GOOGLE**
  - d. AT&T**
  - e. FACEBOOK**
- 5. CIA's "letter opening" program records as to the following:**
  - a. Thomas Gregory Anderson, Jr.**
  - b. Laura Jo Anderson**
  - c. Rachel Hanna Anderson**
  - d. Thomas Gregory Anderson**

**6. CIA Office of Security records involving United States Citizens on the following under program code named "RESISTANCE":**

- a. Thomas Gregory Anderson, Jr.**
- b. Laura Jo Anderson**
- c. Rachel Hanna Anderson**
- d. Thomas Gregory Anderson**

Regarding Items 1-3, we believe your request as written would more likely fall under the auspices of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Defense, respectively. You can find their addresses at [www.foia.gov](http://www.foia.gov). There is no central office in the government that processes requests for all federal agencies. Each agency responds to requests for its own records.

Regarding Items 4 and 5, we have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Regarding Item 6, your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended. After conducting a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents, we did not locate any responsive records that would reveal a publicly acknowledged CIA affiliation with the subjects.

To the extent that your request also seeks records, if any exist, that would reveal an unacknowledged or classified affiliation with the subjects of your request, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of such records. The admission of existence or nonexistence of such records is a fact that is exempt under FOIA. You may consider this finding a denial of this portion of your request pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3), or FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3), as appropriate. Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. In this case, the relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 3024(i)(1), as amended.

As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records

Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
202-741-5770  
877-864-6448  
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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator